

**CH-792**

**C. 1900**

**Wicomico Beach Road Tenant House  
Tompkinsville  
Private**

Built circa 1900, the Wicomico Beach Road Tenant House is an example of the modest two-story balloon-frame dwellings commonly built for and by tenant farmers. The dwelling stands in a wooded area approximately 100 yards south of Wicomico Beach Road. The dwelling generally faces east and measures 12'4" in width and 20'4" in length. It includes two rooms on the first floor and two above. Standing on poured concrete piers, the diagonally braced frame is covered in weatherboard siding. The roof is pierced with an interior-end, corbel capped chimney. Building materials include a combination of modern and later wire-cut nails, 2 1/4" tongue and groove plank floors, and circular-sawn posts and lath. The roof has a shallow pitch and the cornice is boxed. The dwelling is believed to have been associated with the nearby farm known as "Plainfield".

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**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic	Wicomico Beach Road Tenant House
other	

## 2. Location

street and number	south side Wicomico Beach Road	___	not for publication
city, town	Tompkinsville	___	vicinity
county	Charles		

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Aubrey W. Garner			
street and number	3520 South Four Mile Run Drive		telephone	unknown
city, town	Arlington	state	MD	zip code 22206-2341

#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Charles County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	86 p. 113
city, town		liber	1180 folio 389

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

## 6. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Current Function</b>	<b>Resource Count</b>
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture	Contributing    Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ commerce/trade	1                  ___ buildings
___ structure	___ both	___ defense	___                ___ sites
___ site		___ domestic	___                ___ structures
___ object		___ education	___                ___ objects
		___ funerary	1                 ___ Total
		___ government	
		___ health care	
		<u>X</u> vacant/not in use	
		___ other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Built circa 1900, the Wicomico Beach Road Tenant House is an example of the modest two-story balloon-frame dwellings commonly built for and by tenants. The dwelling stands in a wooded area approximately 100 yards south of Wicomico Beach Road. The dwelling generally faces east and measures 12'4" in width and 20'4" in length. It includes two rooms on the first floor and two above. Standing on poured concrete piers, the diagonally braced frame is covered in weatherboard siding. The roof is pierced with an interior-end, corbel capped chimney. Building materials include a combination of modern and later wire-cut nails, 2 1/4" tongue and groove plank floors, and circular-sawn posts and lath. The roof has a shallow pitch and the cornice is boxed.

The east elevation includes two windows on the second story and two vertically symmetrical windows placed below. An entrance door is found asymmetrically between the first floor windows. The south elevation has a single centered window on the second floor and a doorway below. The west elevation has two windows on each of the first and second floors that are placed in the same location as those on the opposite elevation. The north elevation includes a single doorway near the west wall.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	circa 1900	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	circa 1900		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Built circa 1900, the Wicomico Beach Road Tenant House is an example of the modest two-story balloon-frame dwellings commonly built for and by tenants at the turn of the 20th century. The dwelling is believed to have been associated with the nearby farm known as "Plainfield". The abandoned dwelling may be located on parcel 161, of which no tax record currently exists. Like parcels 162, 163 and 164, and 165, this small irregular lot was probably subdivided from the larger farm for the use of a tenant family. Charles County, formally established in 1658 remained primarily rural for over three hundred years. For those three centuries tobacco was the principal cash crop supplemented by the cultivation of corn, wheat and vegetables for home or local consumption. The agricultural economy, which relied on slave labor during the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries was replaced with a system of tenancy after the Civil War that continued until the close of World War II.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre

Acreage of historical setting 200 acres

Quadrangle name ~~Rock Point~~ Colonial Beach North

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with tax map 86, Parcel 161.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Cathy Hardy/Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Charles County Planning

date 1/29/2003

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telephone 301-396-5815

city or town La Plata

state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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name of property  
Charles County, MD  
county and state

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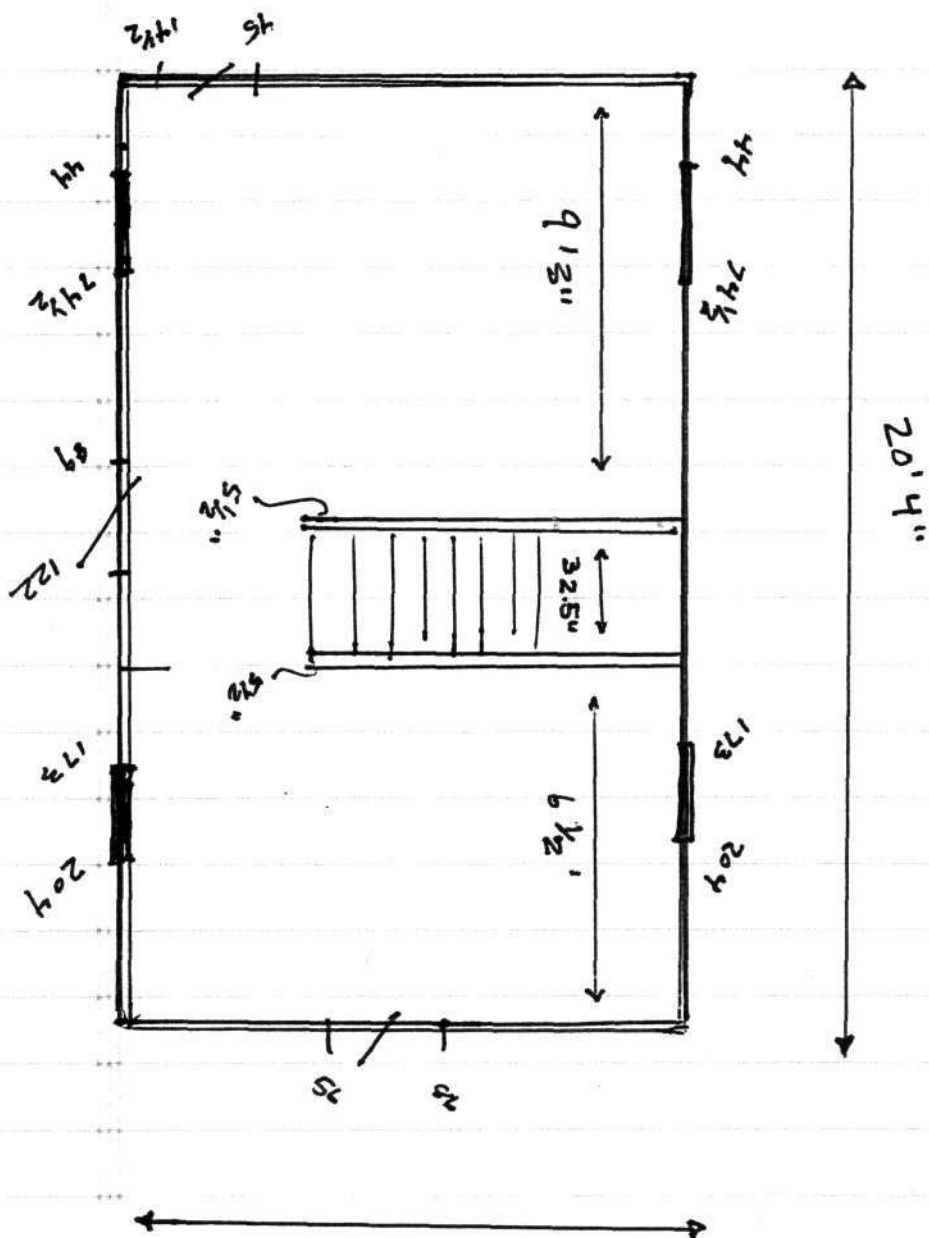
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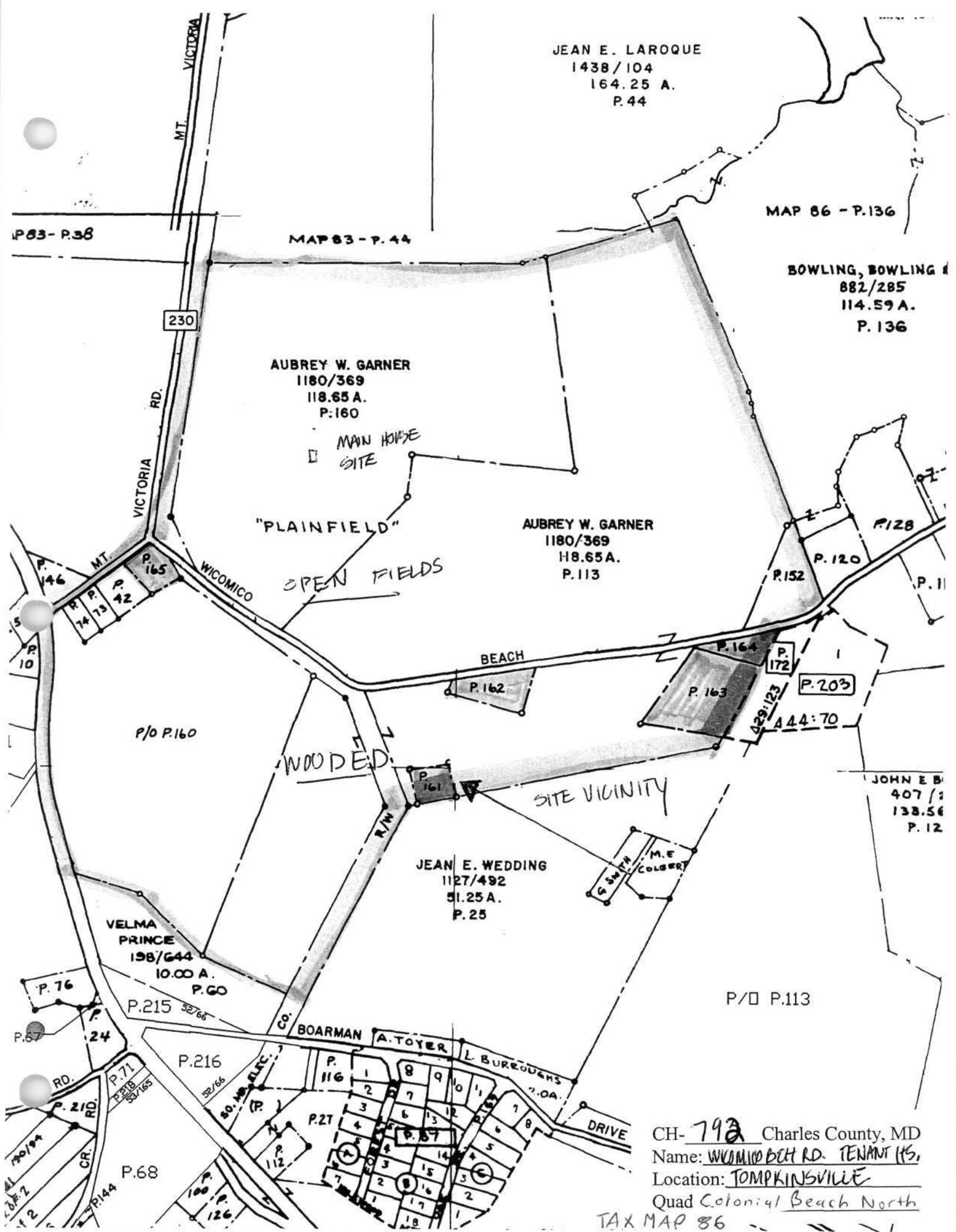
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WILCOMICO BEACH ROAD (NEAR 12485)  
 MODERN CUT NAILS  
 WEATHERBOARD SIDING  
 CONCRETE (POURED) PIERS  
 CIRC. SAWN POSTS & LATH  
 BOXED CORNICE VICTORIAN Molding  
 2x4" FLOORS

CH-742 Charles County, MD  
 Name: WILCOMICO BEACH RD HS.  
 Location: TOMPKINSVILLE  
 Quad: ROCK POINT



JEAN E. LAROQUE  
1438/104  
164.25 A.  
P.44

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BOWLING, BOWLING  
882/285  
114.59 A.  
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AUBREY W. GARNER  
1180/369  
118.65 A.  
P.160

MAIN HOUSE  
SITE

"PLAINFIELD"

OPEN FIELDS

AUBREY W. GARNER  
1180/369  
118.65 A.  
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BEACH

JEAN E. WEDDING  
1127/492  
51.25 A.  
P.25

VELMA PRINCE  
198/644  
10.00 A.  
P.60

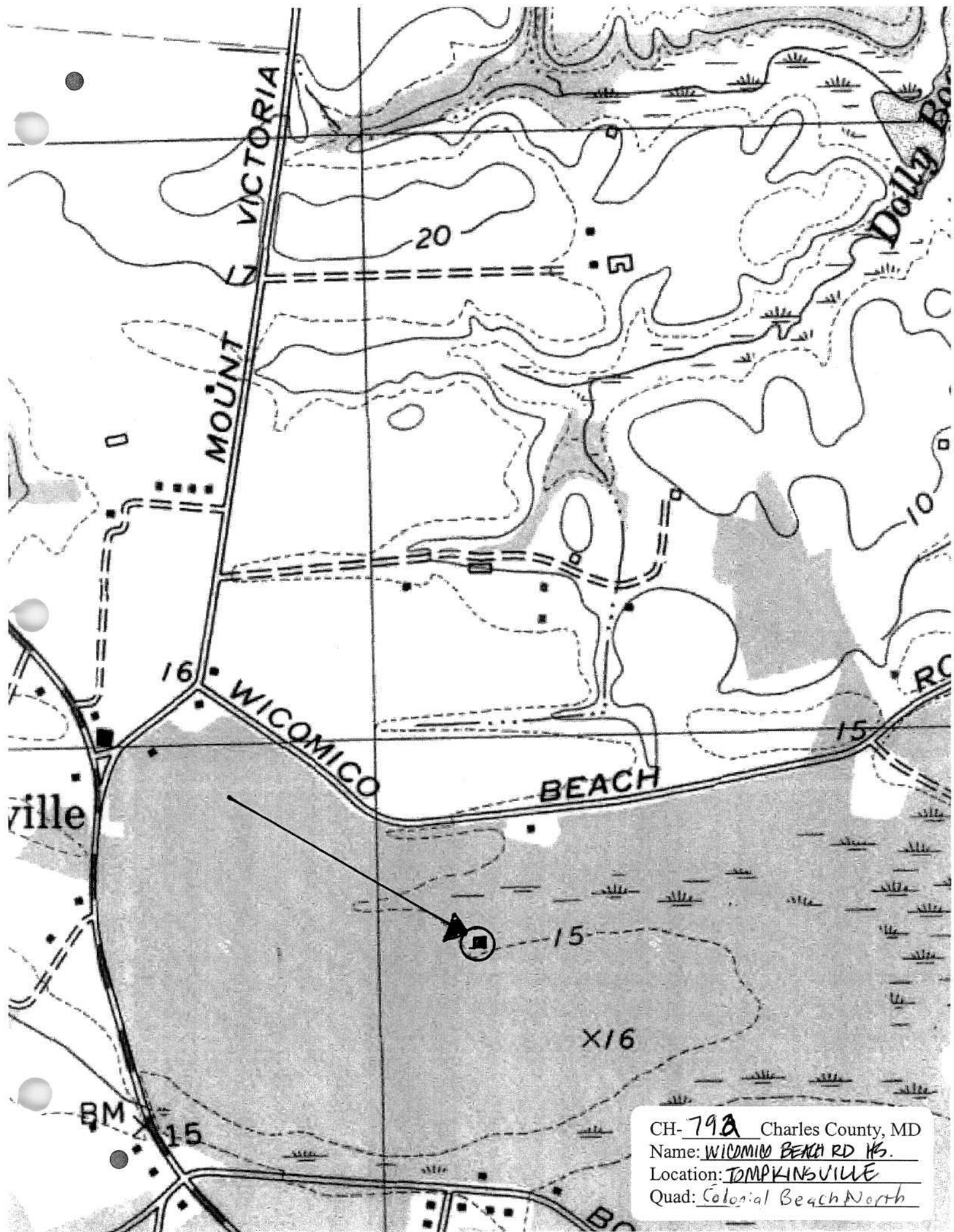
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CH- 792 Charles County, MD  
Name: WICOMICO RD. TENANT HS.  
Location: TOMPKINSVILLE  
Quad Colonial Beach North

TAX MAP 86





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Name: WICOMICO BEACH RD HS.  
Location: TOMPKINSVILLE  
Quad: Colonial Beach North



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Wicomico Beach Rd Tenant House

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C. Hardy

MD 8110

Looking W

10P3



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Wicomico Beach Rd. Tenant House

Charles Co, MD.

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C. Harder

MD SHPO

Looking SW

20F3



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Wicomico Beach Rd. Tenant Hqs.

Charles Co, MD

4/2003

C. Hardy

MD SHPO

LOOKING ~~AT~~ NW

Box 3